



OVER FOUR HUNDRED young people registered for the annual Dedicated Youth Conference held Nov. 29-30 at Clarke College and sponsored by the Training Union Department. Several enjoy period of fellowship, from left: Miss Joan Shelton, Ft. Worth, soloist; Donna Allen, Jackson; Don Barron, Pascagoula; Rev. Tom Haggai, High Point, N. C., speaker, and Kermit King, director.

400 At Youth Meet



THREE BOYS surround poster used at conference. From left: David Allison, Petal; Kenny Morton, Amory, and Johnny Morgan, Star.



ONE OF IMPORTANT features was boys' conference, with Wayne Moore, Mississippi College, (center), Moderator. At right is Mr. King, resource person. Conference theme is displayed above group.

500 Men Volunteer For Coast Crusade

DALLAS, Tex., (BP) — At least 500 laymen have already volunteered to help needy Baptist churches in California, Oregon, and Washington in a simultaneous witnessing campaign, July 22-26.

Jack Stanton of Dallas, director of the West Coast Laymen's Crusade, said plans are for 2,000 men from areas of strong Baptist work to go by car, bus, train, and plane to assigned churches for five days of intense Christian effort.

The men will witness, do soul-winning enlistment, give their testimonies in the church-

November Gifts Show Increase

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts for November, the first month of this convention year, totaled \$181,814.00.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, state Baptist executive secretary-treasurer, in releasing the figures, said this was an increase of \$87,923.27 or 46.8 per cent over the \$123,890.82 given in November a year ago.

The goal for this convention year, ending Oct. 31, 1964, is \$2,788,000.

The Cooperative Program is the principal support for the mission program of the denomination and accounts for approximately two-thirds of its total mission offerings.

All funds given through the Cooperative Program are distributed to all causes sponsored by the State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention according to percentages adopted by the respective conventions.

NBC RADIO TO AIR BAPTIST SERVICE

FORT WORTH, Tex. — University Baptist church in Fort Worth, Texas, will be the point of origination for an hour-long, nationally broadcast Southern Baptist worship service on Christmas Day the radio network of the National Broadcasting Co.

This announcement was made today by Dr. Paul M. Stevens, director of Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission, which will sponsor and co-produce the program.

The Christmas Day worship service will be broadcast at 11:05 a.m., EST, December 25. Dr. James G. Harris, pastor of the church, will preach a sermon called "Hail the Incarnate Deity," a title taken from a song by Charles Wesley.

Music will be provided by the Junior and adult choirs of University Baptist Church directed by Joseph King, minister of music, and the Baptist Hour choir directed by Miss Joe Ann Shelton.

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The Day That The Nation Cried

By Clay Cooper, President Vision Inc., Spokane, Washington.
The day Mr. Kennedy died, sorrow gripped the hearts of sympathetic beings everywhere. Women wept unrestrained, and suddenly it was no longer unmanly to cry. People sobbed unashamedly in the streets. Church bells tolled! Within moments, the nation was in mourning. The sound of mirth ceased in the Land.
"O, no!" we wailed. Not the President! Why did it have to happen to him? Where was God?
Where Was God?
It is inconceivable that He Who is present at the falling of a sparrow should be absent during the assassina-

tion of the President of the United States. The very least that can be said is that what occurred in Dallas, lay within the permissive will of the Almighty. This being true, men ought to stop and ask, "What is God trying to say to our Nation?" even as we would look up and make the same prayerful inquiry if our individual homes, or personal lives were to be ravaged with great tragedy.

What Was Behind It All?
A sage of long ago, said, "A nation is an individual and accountable to God." Perhaps, in this calamity, He is calling America to account. Maybe there are lessons to learn which we can learn in no other way. It would

seem only the foolishly simple among us might credit what has occurred, to blind, unknowing, unknowable chance. An assassin's bullet answers to all that is necessary on the entry of a police blotter, but in the final analysis, it is God "Who removeth kings, and setteth up kings," according to the Prophets. In His infinite wisdom, America has now suffered a "removal" to her horror and dismay, and it is well that she should be asking, "Why?"

America Is Humbled
One answer might be found in the responses we made. Millions of shed tears of sadness and sympathy (Continued on page 3)

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ARKANSAS BAPTIST MINISTER STARTS FUND FOR OSWALDS

By the Baptist Press

A Baptist minister in Smackover, Ark., is one of several ministers across the country who have started funds to help the widow of Lee H. Oswald, accused slayer of President John F. Kennedy.

The Baptist minister is Lewis E. Clarke, pastor, Maple Avenue Baptist Church in that city. Two businessmen there joined the venture.

Clarke said his sponsorship of the fund was inspired by his six-year-old son. During a family devotion, the national tragedy was a main topic of their petitions. The six-year-old closed by praying God's blessings on Mrs. Oswald and her two small children.

Baptist Historians Question Pope Story

By the Baptist Press

Two Southern Baptist historians have said any reference to the Apostle Peter as the first Pope is "Reading back in to the past something that happened later."

Baptist Press sought their comments after two major national news agencies and a national television network said without qualification that Peter was the first Pope. This came in news accounts of Pope Paul VI's planned visit to the Holy Land.

Controversial facts or opinions are normally attributed to a source in news reporting, rather than given solely on the authority of the newspaper or news agency.

The Dallas Times Herald, in a report carried a United Press International credit line, said, "The visit to the Middle East, the birth-place of Christianity," will be the first by a Pope since the time of St. Peter—1,900 years ago."

And later in the same story, it stated without qualification, "not since St. Peter, one of Christ's 12 apostles and the first Pope, who left Palestine and established a papacy in Rome, has a Pope returned to the Holy Land."

UPI Explains
A bureau chief for United Press International said Baptist Press should consider the copy reported here in the context of Roman Catholic beliefs, not implying that Peter as the first Pope is an unquestioned historical fact. He said, was because the story covered the closing of the 1963 session of Vatican Council II.

The Associated Press evidently carried one account citing Peter as a Pope on its own authority, and another account attributing this controversial historical point to a Catholic source.

In the Nashville (Tenn.) banner, the Associated Press, account, given on the agency's own authority, said: "Pope Paul's trip to the Holy Land will be the longest trip ever made by a Pope since St. Peter... left for Rome after the death of Christ."

Milton Bracker's byline appeared from Rome on the New York Times news service story, as it was carried in a sister paper, The Chattanooga (Tenn.) Times.

Times Gave Qualification

The New York Times news service gave qualification. It said, "Roman Catholics believe St. Peter, who travelled from the Holy Land to Rome and was martyred about 64 A.D., founded the Papal line as the first bishop from Rome."

The Huntley-Brinkley evening newscast and the morning Today show on the National Broadcasting Co. NBC-TV gave their own authority to the statement Peter was the first Pope.

The Baptist historians contacted by Baptist Press were C. Penrose St. Amant of Louisville and Davis C. Woolley of Nashville.

St. Amant, dean of theology and professor of church history at Southern Baptist Seminary, said,

"The chances are Peter ac-

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Redford To Retire From HMB In 1964

ATLANTA (BP) — Courts Redford of Atlanta, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention since 1952, announced his retirement effective December 31, 1964.

The announcement, somewhat of a surprise in that he had not indicated to anyone his plans, came as he read a warm, lengthy statement to the annual meeting here of the mission agency.

The statement recounted his 20 years with the Home Mission Board, both as executive secretary and earlier as an assistant to J. B. Lawrence, former executive secretary. He paid tribute to his staff, the missionaries, and the board itself.

During these 20 years the budget increased from \$593,606 to the present \$5,450,000; missionaries from 489 to 2,209, and Baptists reported by missionaries and chaplains from 12,000 to 60,700.

Redford, 65 on September 4, refused to press for added time beyond 1964, despite requests from members of the staff and the board. He indicated 1964 would end one phase of work and the beginning of another.

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Budget Set At \$5,450,000

ATLANTA (BP)—The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in annual session here budgeted \$5,450,000 to support 2,201 mission workers in the United States, Cuba, and Panama.

The budget, largest ever adopted by the mission agency, exceeds last year's by \$425,000. The number of workers also increased by 127.

Courts Redford of Atlanta, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, presented the budget. Redford suffered a heart attack during the mid-year meeting of the board, and had returned to full work only the week before this meeting.

Appearing much thinner but as strong and as vigorous as ever, Redford cited three special emphases which the new budget will make possible.

First, he said \$100,000 from the Annie Armstrong offering, an annual spring emphasis promoted by Woman's Missionary

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Cuban Baptists Face Adjustments

ATLANTA (BP) — Cuban Baptists face the prospect of continuing a strong mission work on the island without financial assistance from the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Difficulties of Cuban Baptists were reported to the mission agency here at its annual session in a communication from Herbert Caudill of Havana, superintendent of mission work in Cuba.

Caudill wrote this was his fourth year to report by mail instead of in person. He has hesitated to leave the island for fear he could not return.

"We are studying the matter of keeping our work going should it become impossible to receive funds," he wrote. "Perhaps a dozen churches can go to full self-support. Another 20 can care for 50 per cent of their expenses, but more than 50 will be limited in what they can do. The strong will help the weak."

"A similar situation was faced in Cuba about 35 years ago. At that time a few fields were closed, and though we have tried to do something they have remained closed. We want to make the supreme effort to keep all fields going. Our people are willing to make the necessary sacrifice."

Courts Redford of Atlanta, executive secretary of the mission agency, said Caudill's report was "encouraging on the whole" when all things were considered. "All of our work continues despite difficulties."

Caudill indicated changes had been made in evangelism methods, since they could not hold park and street services. Loud speaking equipment can

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SBC BUDGET NEEDS \$2,300,000 MONTH

NASHVILLE (BP) — If the Southern Baptist Convention meets its 1963 Cooperative Program Budget, it must receive \$2.3 million from state Baptist groups during December.

SBC treasurer Porter Routh reported here November receipts of \$1,594,923 brought the 11-month total to \$17,426,734. The year's full SBC operating and capital needs budget is

\$19,792,500.

The 1964 budget was reduced about half a million dollars from the 1963 amount.

The November report was below what was reported in November, 1962 and in October, 1963 the November, 1962 figure was \$1,607,777, while \$1,678,031 came in during October of this year.

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MISSISSIPPI COUPLE NAMED—FMB Appoints 195 Missionaries In 1963

RICHMOND, Va. — The Foreign Mission Board appointed 20 Missionaries in its December meeting, bringing its 1963 appointments to an all-time high of 180. The previous record in appointments for a calendar year was 144, set in 1959. The employment of 15 missionary associates during 1963 gives the board a total of 195 additions to the overseas staff for the year. That staff now numbers 1,810 (including 27 missionary associates).

The board also elected Dr. John D. W. Watts, missionary in Europe, to succeed Dr. John D. Hughey, Jr., as president of the International Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon, Zurich, Switzerland. Dr. Hughey will assume responsibilities as the board's secretary for Europe and the Middle East in January. Dr. Watts has been a professor in the seminary since it opened in 1946.

"We are gratified to be able

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REV. AND MRS. DONALD H. REDMON (left), missionary appointees to Uruguay, are welcomed to Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond, Va., by Dr. Jack C. Fletcher, the Board's new secretary for missionary personnel. (See accompanying story).

Basden Accepts Promotion Post

RICHMOND, Va.—Dr. Harold G. Basden, pastor of Gaston Avenue Church, Dallas, Tex., since January 1, 1964, was elected associate secretary for promotion by the Foreign Mission Board in its December meeting in Richmond, Va. He will fill the position left vacant last June when Rev. Joseph B. Underwood was made the board's consultant in evangelism and church development.

Assuming his new duties January 6, Dr. Basden will direct the promotion division, one of four in the board's department of missionary education and promotion, headed by Dr. Eugene L. Hill. The other divisions are publications, vi-

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REPORT FROM ROME— Liberty Discussion Brief At Council

By W. Barry Garrett
ROME (BP)—Religious liberty got disappointing treatment at the second session of Vatican Council II here, although the dramatic introduction of the subject was greeted by the longest and most enthusiastic applause by the council fathers than for any other subject.

Likewise, the proposal on Catholic relations to the Jews, which was received with worldwide acclaim, is destined for uncertain delay. This schema absolved the Jews as a body from blame in the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, a charge that has caused severe sufferings by Jews for many centuries. The guilt for the death of Christ is laid by this schema on the shoulders of the entire human race.

The religious liberty schema was introduced on Nov. 19 by Bishop Emile - Joseph De Smedt, Bruges, Belgium. At the time he said, "It is not too much to hope that this topic may be discussed and voted on before the end of this session."

However, four days later at a press conference Bishop Holland, Portsmouth, England, emphatically announced that neither the chapters on the Jews nor the one on religious liberty would reach the floor for discussion before adjournment. He explained that there was not time for the council to finish work on other items, and that many of the council fathers wanted both discussions in another context than that of Christian unity.

Experts at the U. S. bishops press panel were emphatic in their assertion that this delay should not be interpreted as a lack of any desire to treat the two subjects. The U. S. Bishops had exerted strong pressure to get religious liberty discussed at this session. However, the entrenched minority block of "Traditionalists" in the Roman Curia succeeded in thwarting the majority desire to discuss both the Jews and religious liberty. The second session closed without either schema being discussed.

Text Not Prepared

One of the fears of the advocates of early action on religious liberty and relations with the Jews is that Schema 17, on the presence of the church in the modern world, to which these two items may be transferred, would never see the light of day. The text for this schema has not yet been prepared. It is regarded by many as a "Catch-all" for many subjects or as a cemetery where a proposal can be effectively buried.

As the second session closed without debate on religious liberty, Cardinal Bea assured the council fathers that the subject would be taken up at the third session that opens next Sept. 14. Likewise, the U. S. Bishops press panel emphasized to reporters that this delay did not mean that the chapter is "shelved." They expressed severe disappointment in the delay and felt that failure to discuss liberty this year would damage the image of the Roman Catholic church in the world's mind.

There seems to be little doubt in the minds of both the progressives and the traditionalists that if the religious liberty schema ever reaches the floor of the council it will be overwhelmingly approved. Thus, the tactic of the opponents is to try to keep the proposal bottled up in committee.

The religious liberty schema, which was not summarized and released to the press, is reported to describe religious freedom positively as the right of every person to the free exercise of his conscience. Negatively, it says that no external pressure can be applied for a person to exercise faith. The schema repudiates the competence of the state to coerce people in all religious matters whatever.

It was explained by Bishop Holland and others that this has always been the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church, but that in differing historical contexts the church's position must be stated in various ways. For instance, he continued, 100 years ago the church was condemning religious freedom, but the idea then was that the human spirit was free from any law whatsoever. It was this that the church repudiated, he said.

Now the picture has changed and the threat to freedom is

the "Cynical thrust of the external force of the state into human conscience", said Bishop Holland. This calls for a new approach to freedom.

Holland Speaks

When asked about the problem of a state church, Bishop Holland said, "There are tender spots here and the council must face the question." He continued, "The states that have a state religion will have to come to agreement with this universal principle of religious liberty." Earlier Dr. John Courtney Murray, an authority in the field of religious liberty, was forthright in his opposition to a state church.

One of the problems in religious liberty on which many bishops snag, especially those from Spain and other strong Catholic countries, is the work of Protestant missionaries, which the bishops call "Proselytism." They are insistent that before ecumenical discussions can proceed very far some agreement must be reached on "Proselytism" in so-called Christian countries.

At his press conference Bishop Holland was asked about article 25 in the vatican concordat with Spain which prohibits non-Catholic schools and about article 5 in the Italian law that no ex-priest can hold contact with the public.

In reply Holland said that in Spain already non-Catholic schools exist—Sunday Schools—and that the Spanish state is preparing a new law to replace article 25.

In Italy he said, the question is different and the status of an ex-priest may be a problem of "Public order" which the state alone is competent to regulate. If an ex-priest in Italy is considered "Subversive" to the state, then "Public order" may be considered, he said.

When asked, "Who is to determine the public order or common good," Bishop Holland replied that the state should use common sense in this area, and that the state alone is competent here.

FMB Appoints . . .

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to come to the close of this year with a mission staff in excess of 1,800, an objective toward which we have been working since 1948." Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, said in his report to the board. Summarizing other accomplishments during 1963 — world missions year for Southern Baptists — he said the year will be remembered for intensive evangelistic projects overseas.

"We turn our faces toward 1964, the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist work in North America, and the years beyond with much anticipation," Dr. Cauthen continued, calling attention to the work of a board committee which is in the process of drawing up a new program of advance in foreign missions.

Among special projects already being planned overseas, Dr. Cauthen mentioned a Brazil-wide evangelistic effort for 1965 and a large-scale emphasis upon church development in Hong Kong for 1966.

The 20 missionaries (10 couples) appointed in December are natives of 15 states and one foreign country, and they will serve in nine countries.

State Couple Appointed

Pastor and Mrs. Donald H. Redmon, of Hardy, Miss. Baptist Church, were appointed missionaries to Uruguay by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in its December meeting in Richmond, Va. Mr. Redmon became pastor of Hardy Church in March, 1962. He and his wife volunteered for overseas mission service the following September.

A native of Panama City, Fla., Mr. Redmon went to Mississippi as a college student. He attended Clarke Memorial College, Newton, and graduated from Mississippi College, Clinton, with the bachelor of arts degree. He also holds the bachelor of divinity degree from New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary. Mrs. Redmon is the former Jo Eubanks, of Pontotoc County, Mississippi. She attended Clarke Memorial College and Mississippi College.

Mr. and Mrs. Redmon say they began to recognize their place in world missions during the three years they lived in New Orleans. "In my seminary



International Houseparty Held At Garaywa

EIGHTY-SEVEN students from 26 foreign countries attended the International Houseparty held during the Thanksgiving holidays and sponsored by the State WMU Office and the Department of Student Work. Dr. and Mrs. Russell Bush, of Columbia, hosts, at left, look at flags of several countries, along with two students, Jih Meel Hsieh, Mississippi State, and Chunan Lynn, both from Taiwan.



DR. LEO EDDLEMAN, president New Orleans Seminary, explains scripture verses to two students, Eddie Hwang, Carey College, from Hong Kong and Sandra Aust, University of Mississippi, from Honolulu, as Rev. Bradley Pope, (right), student director at Mississippi College, observes.

SBC Needs . . .

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Cooperative Program gifts for 11 months are running 2.63 per cent ahead of 1962.

Designations kept 9.74 per cent ahead of the same period a year ago. Receipts in November of \$151,875 swelled the year-to-date total to \$14,888,200.

The SBC Foreign Mission Board neared the \$20 million mark in funds received in 1963 through the Cooperative Program and designated gifts, including a special Christmas offering.

The Home Mission Board has now crossed the \$6 million mark from the two sources this year.

studies and in my personal devotions God spoke to me," Mr. Redmon says. "He used many professors to awaken me to the needs of the world for the gospel. He revealed his will to me through chapel speakers and in many other ways. He opened the door for my wife and me to work in the French Quarter Baptist Chapel, where we saw many people come to know Christ."

Shared Belief

"Jo and I shared the belief that we were being led toward foreign mission service, but we wanted to be very sure. A few months after I became pastor of Hardy Church our burden for foreign missions became so heavy that we could do nothing but volunteer our lives to this cause. We believe the Holy Spirit is leading us to Spanish America."

Between college and seminary studies Mr. Redmon taught school in Panama City one year. During that time he pastored Beach Baptist Chapel, a mission sponsored by his home church, Immanuel Baptist Church. He was educational director at Immanuel during two college vacations. Mrs. Redmon has taught school in Chalmette, Arabi, and New Orleans, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Redmon have two sons, Hugh, six, and Larry, three.

the spirit of Christ in the hearts of men has never turned to run from the hard task. It has always seized upon those tasks which seemed impossible. Let the cynical remember that it set its face at the very outset against political tyranny, that it began to fight slavery in a day when the rulers of earth lived on the labor of slaves, and that it fought slavery to the end. This spirit has faced economic greed, beaten it down, released women and children from the factory and the mines, and made labor a thing of dignity, even when Christians were shouting: "Laissez-faire," which means, in substance, Mind your own business; keep your hands off."

— Frank S. Mead in THE MARCH OF ELEVEN MEN (Fleming H. Revell Company)

500 Men . . .

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carrying the gospel to needy areas.

Stanton said Daily gave this account:

Blessed With Men

"I read in a state Baptist paper of the West Coast laymen's crusade and recognized in it a challenge for my men. 'Westview has been blessed with several men who are fired with intense evangelistic zeal. They have helped rekindle the spiritual fires of other members. I coveted for them the same opportunity I had in Jamaica.'"

"I'm satisfied this West Coast experience will deeply enrich the spiritual lives of the laymen and build in them a greater zeal for missions. Our church will reap the benefits of this new desire."

Stanton said he would recommend to other churches Westview's decision to embark key laymen on a special mission project such as the laymen's crusade.

Men interested in participating in the West Coast laymen's crusade should write their state Brotherhood departments, Stanton said.

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Union, will go to mission ministries in large cities.

"The growth of the city and the increasing problems in these congested areas provide an added challenge to Southern Baptists at this time," he added.

Second, he stressed a cooperative effort between the mission agency and the Brotherhood Commission, the convention's layman organization.

"It is hoped, 1,500 laymen will pay their own way to California, Washington, and Oregon to conduct evangelistic meetings and to help churches enlist and utilize their members in the best possible way," he said.

Students Enlisted

Third, he announced the board will enlist 100 seminary students to conduct revivals in churches which have reported no baptisms in recent years. A special \$50,000 fund will make this possible.

The mission agency projects its work through the state mission organizations. The state conventions share in financing on a percentage basis and the state forces direct the work of most of the missionaries.

A major share of the budget went to the division of missions, \$4,065,000, for work in literacy missions, student summer missions, Woman's Missionary Union work in pioneer areas, associational administration services, church extension, language missions, metropolitan missions, Jewish work, juvenile rehabilitation, mission centers, pioneer missions, urban-rural missions, and national Baptists.

Other divisions received the following amounts: evangelism, \$200,000; chaplaincy, \$100,000; education and promotion, \$210,000.

NBC Radio . . .

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Miss Shelton also will sing a solo—"Jesu Bambino"—followed by the choir presentation of such songs of the season as "While Shepherds Were Watching," "Forth We Go To Bethlehem," "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem," "Christmas Day" and others.

Dr. Harris' message will trace the beginnings of man, the birth of Christ, his humanity and death, and his ultimate triumphant resurrection.

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be used only in churches, and advertising is limited.

Moves Freely On Field

"So far I have been able to move about freely over the field. No one has asked me where I was going or what my business was," he wrote.

He said literature is a problem, since none can be received from the United States, and they are writing and printing their own. "An enormous task for a small group," he commented.

They have published their newspaper, "La Voz Bautista," ten times during the year, but the radio services were stopped in March. A large number of Bibles, New Testaments, and Gospels have been on the docks since January.

Property losses have been few, although "it is not the time to build or repair."

The church and house where the deported missionaries, Lucille Kerrigan and Ruby Miller, were working have been taken and are used for other purposes.

Caudill closed his report with a plea to Southern Baptists not to give up Cuba, but to continue to pray.

Sweet Music To Carson - Newman

JEFFERSON CITY, Tenn. (BP)—The music department at Carson - Newman College (Baptist) here has been accepted into the National Association of Schools of Music. Accepted on an associate basis for two years, full status can be gained at the end of that time if the quality of the program still merits membership.

000; general mission ministries, \$435,000; and administration, including personnel and survey and special studies, \$380,000.

The board re-elected C. G. Cole, an executive for the Georgia Power Company in Atlanta for his eighth year as president. Also re-elected W. A. Duncan, retired Baptist minister of Atlanta, as vice president; Charles R. Standridge, pastor of First Baptist Church in Tifton, Ga., as vice president; Mrs. Sherwood L. Atkin of Atlanta, as recording secretary, and J. C. Daniel, recently retired pastor of Fortified Hills Baptist church in Atlanta, as assistant recording secretary.

Basden Accepts . . .

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ual education, and press relations.

Dr. Basden will direct the board's deputation program, securing missionaries and headquarters personnel to speak at various Baptist gatherings; work with the Southern Baptist gatherings; work with the Southern Baptist schools of missions program; develop and utilize the board's promotional literature; and arrange for Foreign Mission Board exhibits at Southern Baptist convention-wide, state, and associational meetings and assemblies.

Before going to the Dallas church, Dr. Basden pastored churches in Jackson, Miss., and Larue and Petty, Tex. He has served on various boards, commissions, and committees of the Mississippi and Texas state Baptist Conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention, and is currently a member of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, the executive board and program co-ordinating committee of the Texas Convention, the board of trustees of Baylor University, and the National Board of Protestants and Other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State. He is a popular speaker at colleges and Southern Baptist Assemblies.

A native of Memphis, Tenn., Dr. Basden graduated from Mississippi College, Clinton, with the bachelor of arts degree and from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., with the master and doctor of theology degrees. He taught in the Memphis public schools for two years and Mississippi College for three years.

He and Mrs. Basden, the former Marjorie Lynn Abbott, have two children, Peggy Lynn, 10, and Paul Abbott, eight.

Two Others Elected

Two associate secretaries for missionary personnel were also elected by the Board. They are Rev. William W. Marshall, pastor of Rosalind Hills Church, Roanoke, Va., and Dr. R. Keith Parks, missionary to Indonesia.

On recommendation of its Orient committee, the board granted Dr. Parks a leave of absence from the mission field to serve for a time in this headquarters capacity.

Assuming their duties in January, the two men will work closely with candidates for foreign mission service and with members of the board's administrative staff and personnel committee in the process of appointing new missionaries. Sharing the responsibility of the Secretary for

Redford To . . .

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"It now appears that 1965-1969 may be the most important and most eventful years the world has known during the Christian era," he said.

Points to Advance

"It is imperative that the Home Mission Board take its rightful place in this period of advance. To this end it is very important that this board have the strongest possible leadership to guide the home mission forces in this time of opportunity and challenge."

Although he had suffered a heart attack in August, he appeared almost fully recovered and stated that health was not a factor in his retirement.

"I had planned to do this even before my heart attack," he said. It was evident that he was doing what he thought best for the mission work.

The board, which recognized Redford for his 20 years, accepted his retirement with regret and appointed a committee to name his successor at its August meeting at the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly in North Carolina.

The committee was also instructed to plan "Suitable recognition of Redford for his years of service."

Redford a native of Missouri, was raised in Oklahoma and educated at Oklahoma Baptist University, Missouri University, and Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth.

He served as an assistant pastor at First Baptist Church, Shawnee, Okla. and as a professor of Bible and religious education at OBU. After his seminary education, he was stewardship and brotherhood secretary for Missouri Baptists, and served as interim executive secretary for the state convention.

In 1930 he began 13 years as president of Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, Mo., and came from there to the Home Mission Board.

Heart disease is costing the United States four billion dollars a year.



Dr. Harold Basden



Dr. Keith Parks



Rev. W. W. Marshall

the department of missionary personnel, Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher, and another associate secretary, they will devote much of their time to counseling and interviewing mission candidates.

Mr. Marshall will concentrate on the central area of special emphasis to mission candidates in Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.

Dr. Park's territory will be the western part of the country, including Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., and Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif. He has been working with candidates in this area as a missionary personnel associate with the board since arriving in the states on furlough in July.



Bill Moyers

Moyers May Be LBJ Assistant

WASHINGTON (BP) — A Southern Baptist from Texas, Bill Moyers, is expected to be named to a high administrative post on President Johnson's White House staff.

Moyers, deputy director of the Peace Corps since last January, has been working at the side of President Johnson since the assassination of President Kennedy. He was on leave from the Peace Corps post and in Texas with the Vice President at the time of the assassination.

While he is still officially on the Peace Corps rolls, general speculation in the capital is that he will assume a major post, probably becoming a special assistant to the President.

Moyers, 29, is a 1950 graduate of Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth. He served as pastor of a small rural church while attending the seminary and was the school's director of information.

Arkansas Hospital Deal Has Opposition

LITTLE ROCK (BP) — The Arkansas Baptist state convention's executive board was told here, in view of the narrow margin favoring it, Arkansas Baptist Hospital should not lease a mental health unit which will be built partly with federal funds.

Those appearing before the board in its first post-convention meeting used the same arguments opponents gave, unsuccessfully, a few weeks earlier at the annual convention.

that happened later."

Woolley, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Historical Commission agreed with St. Amant and added, "There was no use of the word 'Pope' whatsoever in the early church in Jerusalem and Peter was not even considered the head of the church at Jerusalem."

"This was an entirely different concept of the first century Christians. This is the thing that has grown up across the years, and nobody has seemed to challenge it much, and just let it ride until it has come to this day in which they claim Peter to have been the first Pope."

Woolley Agrees

"And therefore to speak of a Pope in the sense in which the term is now used and to use this to describe Peter is what the historian calls 'secondary elaboration.' You are reading back into the past something



STUDYING the score of Handel's Messiah, which will be presented in its entirety by Southwestern Seminary's Oratorio Chorus, Dec. 10, at Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, are (l to r) Robert Burton, conductor; Gladys Day, organist; and soloists, Joe Ann Shelton, Virginia Seelig, and Charles Williamson.

Baptist Historian . .

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tually did go to Rome although the evidence for this is not solid. There is really no evidence to my knowledge that he was anything remotely resembling that we later call a Pope.

"For example, Peter is not referred to in the letters which Paul wrote from Rome. Actually papacy in the Roman Catholic Church is a result of a rather long process of historical development. The

Eastside, Pascagoula, Becomes Parkway, Moves To Thriving New Location

By J. B. Laney
Superintendent of Missions
Jackson County Association
New Testament faith has been demonstrated on the Mississippi Coast in a rapidly growing area in Jackson County. A little church that was

organized about 20 years ago in a packed nightclub called "The Comet", found itself hemmed in on all sides. It is located behind a garment factory and is difficult to find. Even though many of the charter members are still in

the membership, the vote to move to a new location and change the name received only four negative votes. This vote was taken before a site had been found and purchase price known.

The people loved this place, once used in the service of Satan, but now for 20 years dedicated to the service of God. Yet, they realized that they must not live in the past, but in the present.

After the decision was reached Eastside Baptist Church in Pascagoula sought prayerfully a spot on a main street with plenty of space. Jefferson Avenue which had extended from River Road on the west to Telephone Road was made a four-lane drive and extended to Highway 90 near the Bayou Casotte Road and industrial area.

The committee found a beautiful spot beside this new four-lane boulevard consisting of 8.6 acres. The committee members were shocked when the owner asked \$50,000.00. When the committee made its report to the church God seemed to speak to the hearts of the people, impressing them that this was His will and giving them faith to claim it. The name "Parkway" was adopted replacing "Eastside."

A master plan was adopted, the first unit of which will accommodate approximately 378, and cost \$62,000.00. Estimated cost of the complete building, with all units, is \$250,000.

How can this great undertaking be accomplished? By faith! And, a lot of courage and hard work. Church Building and Savings Association will conduct a \$100,000.00 Bond Campaign soon. The church will need assistance for a period of two years in making sinking fund payments of \$200.00 per month. It is hoped that eight churches in areas that do not have needs for new churches will pledge \$25.00 per month for two years.

People are flooding the area since the 125 million dollar Standard Oil Refinery was built. It has placed a burden too great for our present churches to bear alone. There must be help from outside the area if we are to meet the challenge and provide churches to minister to these people.

Rev. J. W. Coker, pastor, will be glad to give more complete information. His address is 1111 Bryant Avenue, Pascagoula.

There, the proposal to create a \$1-1/2 million mental health unit, to be operated by the Baptist hospital in Little Rock, passed by 35 votes out of more than 500 cast. Another 400 messengers did not vote on the issue.

The arguments against the proposal were that, even though a private corporation would be set up to build the mental health unit, this was a subterfuge. The private corporation will go after the Hill-Burton tax and other funds for construction and the Baptist hospital will lease the new unit from the private corporation.

Walter L. Johnson, pastor, University Baptist Church, Fayetteville, one of the original opponents of the action, pressed his view at the board's post-convention meeting here. He said the agreement violates the principle of church-state separation.

One board member moved the convention be recalled into special session to consider the hospital issue again, but only seven of about 60 board members—A near full attendance by the board members—sided with his motion.

It was apparent the hospital will continue with its plans to lease the mental health unit from the private corporation after it is built.

The Arkansas Executive Board also approved a travel and writing-preaching visit to the British Isles next April for Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the Arkansas Baptist weekly newsmagazine.

The Day . . .

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for the first time in many a year. We wended our ways to Houses of Prayer, and exercise relatively unknown to some. Not in our time, perhaps, has anything caused love to flow so freely, or humbled us so manifestly before God.

These exercises of the soul are indispensable, if sophisticated, callous people are to inherit the promise, "Thus saith the high and lofty One, Whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit; to revive the heart of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite one." At whatever cost, to bring our Nation before God in humility and contrition, the price is not too high.

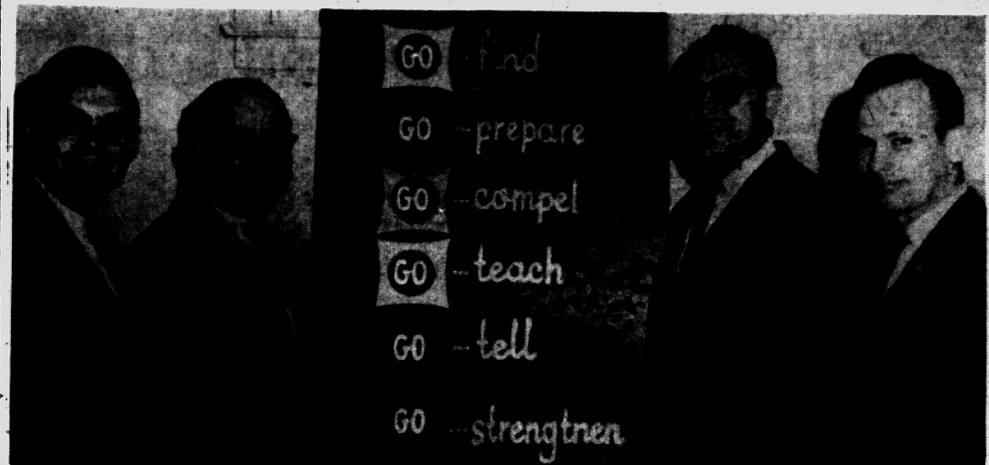
We All Pressed The Trigger
The day the President died, perhaps God was speaking to the Nation in judgment, calling us back to the Faith of our Founding Fathers. It should be noted that the assassin was the product of a society of which every single citizen is a part. We bred him, educated him and were in a sense . . . however remotely . . . involved with him in pressing the trigger that fired the bullet which slew John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Recoil as we may, at the suggestion, it is nevertheless true.

Are We Grooming Another Oswald?

This calls for soul-searching! Are we preparing another Lee Harvey Oswald, who, one of these days, will deem it his role in history to send a bullet crashing into the head of President Lyndon Johnson? By Oswald's own testimony, his date with destiny began that hour in one of our public schools when a copy of Communism's MANIFESTO fell into his hands. Will this Nation, whose official motto reads, "In God We Trust," continue to put into the hands of school children the anti-God writings of that trinity of tyrants, Marx - Engels - Lenin, while denying these very youngsters even the least bit of character-building, life - transforming, patriotism - arousing Book of all books? Is not this to help spawn future Lee Oswalds in whose homes the Bible is an unknown volume, and the voice of prayer is never heard? Plead innocent if we will, blame the Dallas Police Department though we may, still, wittingly or unwittingly, the President's blood is on all our hands. The young man who felled Mr. Kennedy is the product of our collective making, and to some degree, the ideological progeny of the official and semi-official effort and trend by some to de-God our Beloved Land.

A Time For Self-Examination

If our Nation does not re-examine some of the anti-prayer, anti-Christ, anti-Bible dictums handed down in recent years, (legal (?) opinions in which, it seems to many, preferential treatment meted out in favor of a tiny minority of



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL workers from every section of the state attended the Adult Administration Conference held Nov. 29-30 at Gulfshore. Several inspect poster used during conference. From left: Bryant Cummings, director; Keener Pharr, Nashville, speaker; Rev. Paul Harwood, pastor, and Archie Stephens, superintendent, of the Lyon Church.

carping Communists, et al.) then the national disgrace and disaster through which we are now passing may be but the harbinger of worse things to come.

It Became "Legal" To Pray

God be thanked that when the sky fell in, Americans were of such a frame of mind and heart as to instantaneously answer an appeal to call on God. But when did it seem so right, now, for radio and TV announcers and commentators, together with members of officialdom to summon the Nation to pray? More specifically, why did it suddenly become legal and proper to go into every school and classroom, where a radio was dialed in, or a TV switched on, and appeal to boys and girls to bow their heads and pray? Abruptly, certain Supreme Court decision seemed ridiculous . . . null and void! When tragedy struck, it was no longer regarded as a crime against the State, or unconstitutional, to implore students to reverently petition the Father above. Where now, the law suit? Where now, the judicial complaisance, the adjudicating in favor of the objections of a handful of blatant atheists . . . and others. Where the protest now? Where the verdict in their favor? Where the unconstitutionality writ?

We Obeyed Our Hearts

There is the spirit of the law, even as there is the letter of the law. That the former has been, and is being, discriminated against, would be hard to deny. If we may judge by public reaction, the vast majority of our citizens are convinced that the letter of the law is not rightly interpreted when the sworn enemies of God and society are given what may be construed as the benefit of the doubt. Add to this view, the evidenced spirit of the law, men doing in a sudden stroke of judgment what only their hearts tell them to do . . . with no time to argue the unconstitutionality of prayer . . . and we are taught lessons we might never learn at any other time, or in any other way.

Issues Call For Expansion

In the hour of crisis, the legality, or fancied illegality, of prayer within the four walls of a school room, suddenly becomes ridiculous! Something should be made of this. Something big! How, and by whom, I have not been able to think through, as yet, but certainly here are salient issues jutting out from all that happened on November 22, 1963, which deserve the attention of all men of thought and action.

It Could Be Worse

It is difficult to imagine a more catastrophic incident, and aftermath, which could befall our Land that would bring these concerns into still sharper focus. But there is! Suppose that instead of three cracking reports from a single rifle over Dallas, at the hands of one Communist, it should have been the explosion of Communist H - Bombs over many American cities? And history is hardly kind enough to allow us to rationalize away this prospect. If, and when, the fiery mushrooms appear in the sky, will it be to our credit in the eyes of heaven to have banished God from our schools; judicially ejected Jesus Christ from our classrooms as we might have exercised an evil spirit; removed His name from our documents, our coins, the Pledge to the Flag; declared our institutions off-limits to prayer?

God's Purpose Is Shown

Fanciful? Hardly, for this is the very road we are presently traveling. Perhaps God has spoken to our Nation through the report of a \$12.78 mail-order rifle, so that He will not have to speak to us through hundred megaton bombs. He may be trying to get our attention, in order that we may hear Him say, "The Nation that will not serve me, shall perish."

Whenever the Nation faces



REV. TOM DOUGLAS, new assistant to director of assemblies, (right), chats with Nolan Johnston (center) minister of education and Harold Blakeney, superintendent, both of Main Street Church, Hattiesburg.



TWO WOMEN ENGAGE two program personalities in personal conference period. From left: Gale Dunn, Shreveport, La.; William Finnell, Jr., Mrs. J. T. Laird and Mrs. Harold Nash, all three of Jackson.

a crisis, it is God giving it opportunity to take spiritual inventory. "What if our Republic were now shattered?" wrote the Reverend M. R. Watkinson, to the Secretary of the Treasury, Salmon P. Chase, on November 13, 1861. "Would not antiquaries of succeeding centuries reason from our past, that we were a heathen nation?"

The Secretary's response, in those days of Civil War and near self-destruction, was the motto, "In God We Trust," which first appeared on the bronze two cent pieces of 1864. This affirmation, this Faith of our Fathers (once judged legal), if reaffirmed at all levels of our national life during the present crisis, should go a long way in preserving us today from further Divine judgment, perhaps from disintegration.

School House On Elm Street
Without a doubt, our Nation has become what she is today . . . to the glory of God and the blessing of mankind . . . because of lessons learned in school rooms such as Ford's Theatre, on Tenth Street in Washington. Let us not fail to learn, now, what the Great Teacher is trying to get across, from the school house on Elm Street in Dallas. Whenever He is obligated to teach in judgment. He explains in comforting tones, "If (in national calamity) my people, which are called by my name, (Christian America), shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and I WILL HEAL THEIR LAND." What amounted to a national summons in the long ago is a fitting one for our Nation in the present hour.

The day President John F. Kennedy died, may certainly

come to be regarded as one of the most significant in the American annals. If her citizens determine to make it so. To historians, November 22, 1963, will always be Black Friday. It can become a Good Friday, one of the best in our national heritage, if, by it, God's message gets through to us and His injunction heeded: "Stand ye in the old ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein."

Copies of the Letter available at ten cents in stamps or coin to cover cost of printing and mailing. Quantities at \$2.50 per hundred. Vision, Incorporated, Post Office Box 1, Spokane, Washington.

Missionary motivation does not rest in the pride of a negative legalism. Missionary motivation rests in what a Christian is by the grace of God. If we are to bring the world to Christ we must be sure that we are something in Christ, rather than a people of superficial virtues only. If we are not, we are only too respectable.—H. Gordon Clinard in "Christ for the World," compiled and edited by G. Allen West, Jr. (Broadman Press 1963).

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EASTSIDE CHURCH, Pascagoula, is pictured above, with a factory building in the background. This site, formerly that of a night spot, "The Comet Club," is behind the garment factory among a web of back streets.



THE NEW FOUR-LANE BOULEVARD, under construction in the picture, will extend to Highway 90. The smoke, which is beyond the highway, shows the industrial area. Eastside, (now to be called Parkway) Pascagoula, bought a new site on this boulevard.



THE OFFICE of a homebuilding concern and a group of new houses are viewed from the corner of Parkway's new property. There are 120 houses in this particular subdivision; there are three or four new subdivisions in this area, with at least 400 homes being constructed.



THE BEAUTIFUL LONG-LEAF PINES at right are on the new site of the Parkway Church. The new four-lane boulevard at left extends east toward industrial area.

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Men In History

History is made by men! Yet men die, while nations and institutions live on. The continued life of a nation or institution does not depend upon individual leaders, or even upon generations. Each is important in its day, yet passes off the scene and another takes its place. It is not individual people but principles which give continued existence. This has been painfully illustrated in our nation in the past few weeks.

As it is with nations and other institutions, so it is with churches, and with the work of the Lord. There is a difference, however. Nations and worldly institutions can die, but the Lord Jesus Christ gave the promise that His churches would be in the world until He comes again.

Yet it is men who are used of God to build His churches and do His work through them. Through the ages He has chosen men to carry on His kingdom program. When those men have passed from the scene God called others to take their places. Men are different, and emphases are different, but the principles of God, upon which the work of the church is built, do not change. It is those principles which make the Lord's churches receive His blessing of imperishability and permanence.

Since this is true, each generation must study anew those principles and truths, and guard that they be kept central in the message and program of the church. When churches lose them they die. They have no right to exist.

It is because of this that it behooves Baptists to look again and again at the principles of the Lord which have made them. God's blessing has been upon these principles through almost twenty centuries. The world needs them, now, more than ever. Let Baptists grasp them, hold them and proclaim them to the world today. Doing that they will continue in the historic succession of ages past.

Christian Responsibility

In recent days the nation has been sickened by the very thought of murder. The assassination of the president, and the subsequent murder of two other men has made the word more repugnant than ever before.

Yet, in the next few weeks, on the highways of Mississippi, in the midst of the most joyous season of the year, many people will die in what is annually the highest highway carnage season of the year. In at least some cases, these deaths will have to be classed as murder. Whether a person kills another with a gun, or with a highpowered automobile, there are many instances where the act is nothing other than murder.

If a person drinks alcoholic beverages so that his control faculties are clouded, and he brings death to someone through a crash on the highway, is not that murder? No argument that he was not responsible for what he was doing while under alcohol's influence will satisfy right thinking people. He drank the liquor. He got into a car. He was driving when he should not have been behind the wheel. He may, somehow, get by the law, but he stands condemned, before the world, and, we believe, before God, for a murderous act.

If a person gets behind the wheel of a high-powered automobile, and races down a highway at unlawful or unreasonable speeds, and, because of that speed, brings death to some individual, is not that murder?

If a person disobeys the traffic laws, takes unnecessary chances, or is careless in any way while at the wheel, and by those actions causes the tragedy of a fatal wreck, is he not guilty of murder? It is true that the law probably speaks of it in a lesser term, but when guilt is there, responsibility also is present.

The record of the nation, and of the state of Mississippi, in the death toll on the highways, has become alarming. Aroused government leaders and other citizens are seeking to stop this useless carnage. According to safety council reports, Mississippi, by the end of November, already had passed her record of highway deaths for the whole of last year, and the worst month of the year was still ahead. What will the record be by December 31, if something drastic is not done now?

Safety leaders of the state have called upon Christian leaders and Christians to do something to help change this record. It is probable that Christians are responsible for very few of the highway deaths occurring in the state, yet every Christian has a responsibility in the effort to change the record. If the continuous high incidence of highway fatalities is to be changed, the citizens must help change it. Highway officials and safety councils cannot do it alone.

Perhaps the greatest need is for every citizen to determine to become a better, more careful driver, observing all of the rules of courteous, law-obeying, common sense, safe driving. Christian citizens simply should drive in the manner which would be expected of a Christian. Such driving will help make Mississippi's highways safer.

Let us, then, drive as Christians during this Christmas season and throughout the coming year. By doing this we can help save lives, and change the state's tragic highway death record.

GUEST EDITORIAL

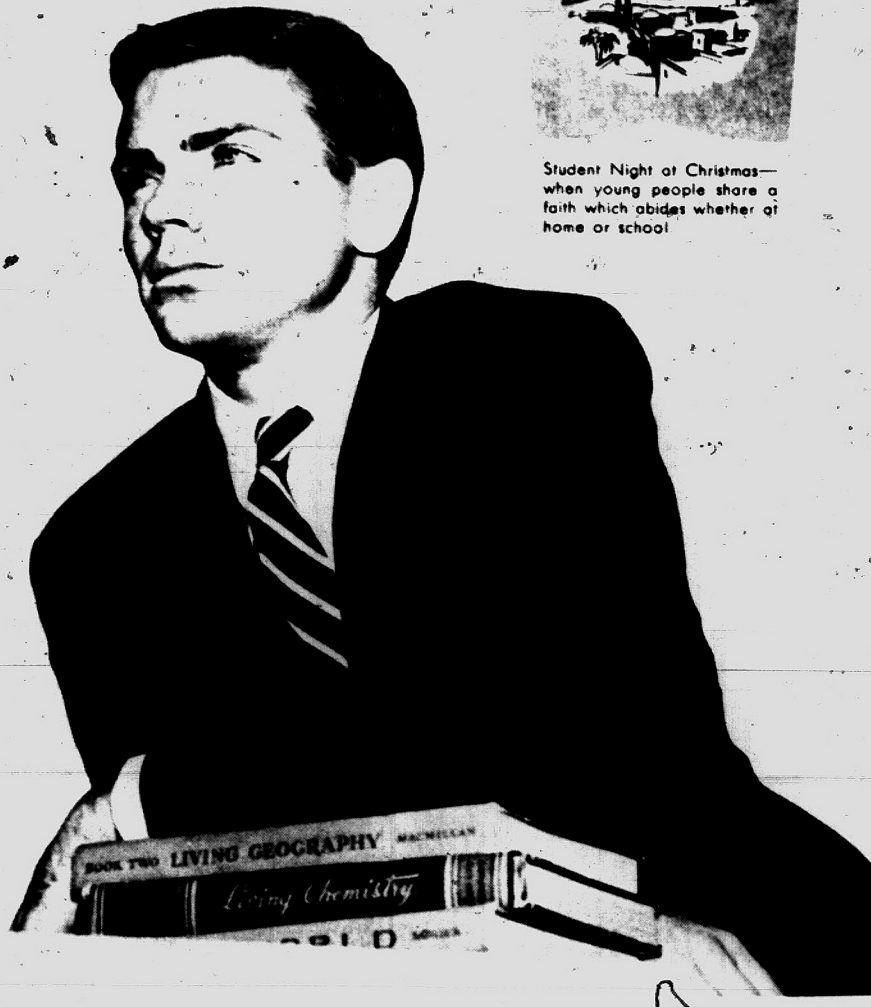
The Bequest of a Dying Church

E. S. James in Baptist Standard (Texas)

The Santa Rosa Baptist Church in Mississippi died as an institution on Nov. 10, but in its demise as a church it gave the Baptist world one of its finest examples of thoughtfulness and faith in the Cooperative Program.

The U. S. government is purchasing 140,000 acres six miles south of Picayune for a missile test site, and the Santa Rosa Church is one of 15 that must be abandoned in the area. The congregations are allowed to move the buildings to other locations, but in this instance all movable properties were given to the Waveland Baptist Church, and the \$36,171.51 realized from the sale of the land has been set up as a trust fund to be administered by the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, with the provision that the interest earned shall be used for the Cooperative Program.

Texas Baptists will be particularly interested in this for two reasons: (1) Harry Lee Spencer, secretary of the foundation, is a former Texas pastor. (2) Some Baptist churches in this state have had to abandon their property and seem not to have known what to do with the proceeds from the sale. How could a better investment be made in such a situation than to place it where it will make



Student Night at Christmas—when young people share a faith which abides whether at home or school

NASHVILLE — COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS throughout the Southern Baptist Convention will share experiences of their faith with members of their home churches during Student Night at Christmas Dec. 29. "Our Ministry to College and University Students" is the theme suggested by the Sunday School Board's student department. Special bulletins for listing the order of service are available at 1 cent each, in multiples of 25, from: Church Literature Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn. 37203.—Photo by Ewing Galloway.

AWAKENING

By Mrs. Lou Case Murphy, Starkville

(Editor's Note: We ordinarily do not use contributed poetry in the BR, but this moving poem seemed so timely at this season when many Baptists are giving to the Lottie Moon Offering that we decided to break our rule and use it.)

Last night my children went to bed
And laid their neatly shampooed heads
On pillows warm and soft and sweet,
Were tucked about with nice, clean sheet.
And after evening prayers, they had
A good-night kiss from mom and dad.

While elsewhere in the world last night
Some little children, cold with fright,
Lay down in a narrow street
And huddled at each other's feet.
With saddened eyes that told of pain
They spilled their little tears in vain.
From dirty hovels here and there
The stench of filth had filled the air.
I heard a little baby's cry.
And in an alley-way nearby
A helpless mother watched to see
Her daughter robbed of purity.

Oh, God! I can't go on this way—
So unconcerned from day to day!
How can my soul commune with Thee?
There's so much else to hear and see!
The comforts of the room I'm in—
The record player's noisy din.
The lovely table set with care,
The bulging freezer standing there.
My new fall suit, my gloves, my hat—
My missions gift? Not half of that!
The television's vacant glare
Mocks me, as in my despair
I think how often that I choose
Just fifteen minutes of world news
Then send my worries on their way
With quiz show or some "give-away."
I cannot find much time for prayer

But sit for hours as I stare
At foolish things I now disdain
That once I thought could entertain!

O, God! Dear God! please help me see
The hollow, empty, vanity
Of thinking just of self and mine
Instead of others who are thine—
Or those who need salvation's power
To save them in this crucial hour!
Men whose eyes can never see
Beyond the long day's misery.

Tonight my children went to bed
Secure, and happy, and well-fed.
But Lord, when I lie down, I pray
That thou wilt take my sleep away.
Withhold this blessing from my eyes
Until my soul can realize
That selfishness and greed are sin!
And all I fail to do to win
These dying souls to Thee, the way,
I'll answer for that latter day.

Stir my soul; make me aware
Of others' pain—then make me care,
Care so much that I may live
From this day forth to wholly give
My time, my self, my all, to Thee
In service full, and glad, and free!

Help me to see a lost world's need;
Convict my soul; help me to heed
The cries for help, then let me see
The task as it relates to me.
Yes, Lord, Withhold all rest until
My heart is Thine, to do Thy will.

The Baptist Forum

Write It Down

Dear Fellow Laborer:

It is given unto some to make history, unto others to write and preserve history. History worth making is certainly worth preserving. To be preserved, history must be written, since unwritten history is soon forgotten. Why make history and hide it? That is, neglect to write it in story form and publish it?

We do a disservice to those who come after us when we fail to write our history for the benefit of those who follow. In the opinion of the true historian, it is foolish, yea even silly, to make history and fail to have it written and provide for its preservation.

The year 1964 is the climactic year of the BAPTIST JUBILEE ADVANCE IN THIS HEMISPHERE OF NORTH AMERICA, commemorating the progress during the 250 years from 1714 to 1964. It behooves all Baptists to take stock of their rich heritage and

write it down. Every Baptist church and institution and agency and organization should ponder their opportunity and responsibility of harkening unto the Lord God who said, "Look unto the rock whence ye were hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye were digged." And don't neglect to write it down.

The Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission in keeping with the purposes for which it was created is seeking to stir up an interest in this vital matter of doing something special in 1964 among Mississippi Baptists.

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No one can cite an instance in history when Baptists ever persecuted anyone for conscience' sake.

some contribution to the worldwide work of Christ so long as Baptists are to be found upon the earth?

An interesting sidelight of the church in the neighboring state is that the date of its death was the day of its 15th anniversary. The Scriptures say something about being dead and yet living on forever. If a church has to die this is indeed a noble way to do it.

New Books

PELOUBET'S SELECT NOTES on the International Sunday School Lessons by William M. Smith (W. A. Wilde Co., 419 pp., \$2.95)

The 90th anniversary volume of one of the most popular Sunday school lesson commentaries. The author is one of the outstanding conservative Bible scholars of our day. Each week's lesson study begins with introductory materials. They are (The Teacher and His Class; The Setting; The Plan and the Teacher's Library. This is followed by verse by verse exposition, including interpretation of scripture, application, etc. Numerous quotations from commentaries and scholars are included in each lesson. The outline is clear and apt and should make for ease in preparation for teaching. The study closes with The Lesson in Life, Literature and Archeology, and A Truth to Carry Away. There is a special section on Audio-visual aids.

THE OLD FARMER'S 1964 ALMANAC by Robert B. Thomas (Yankee, Inc., Dublin N. H.; 96 pp., paper, 35 cents.) The 172nd annual issue of one of the nation's most popular almanacs. Has all of the regular almanac features, plus numerous articles, photographs and other features, which take the reader back into past history. An interesting, helpful and entertaining volume.

JOHN DOE, DISCIPLE by Peter Marshall. (McGraw-Hill, 222 pp., \$4.50)

The subtitle is Sermons for the Young in Spirit. The book was compiled by Dr. Marshall's widow Mrs. Catherine Marshall, and the Introduction is written by his son, who is now a seminary student. Some of the sermons have introductory statements telling of the occasion or purpose of the message. Each sermon has the freshness and richness so evident in all Peter Marshall sermons, and all are written in the unusual poetic-prose style. These messages deal with ev-

eryday relationships or problems such as Guidance, Procrastination, Freedom, Salvation, Morality, Temptation, Prayer, etc. These are not ordinary sermons, but messages from the heart, prepared to meet special human needs.

NO TWO WAYS ABOUT IT! by Dale Evans Rogers (Revell, 64 pp., \$1.50)

One of America's best loved and widely known women, discusses life, and shows how some people miss the true "way" of living. She presents some of the calls to things that are not the "way," and then shows how God has provided a "map" and "guide" so that people can find the right way.

PROPHECY IN THE SPACE AGE by A Skevington Wood (Zondervan, 159 pp., \$2.50)

Events of the past few years have brought a new interest in Bible prophecy. The author discusses the great themes of Bible prophecy in the light of these events. In a day when almost daily there are occurring events which may have some prophetic meaning, it is good to go back to the Word of God to see what God says is coming. The author does that and does it with clarity and evidence of Bible knowledge. He interprets these events from a premillennial point of view.

THE RELIGIOUS PRESS OF AMERICA by Marty, Deedy and Silverman. (Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 184 pp., \$4.00)

A survey of the religious press of America today. Martin E. Marty of Christian Century writes concerning the Protestant press while a Catholic editor and a Jewish leader write of the Catholic and Jewish press respectively. Shows the influences, the strength and the weaknesses of today's American religious press which now has a total circulation which approaches 50,000,000. A perceptive, if not always acceptable, analysis of today's religious press.

LOVE AND THE LAW by C. Ellis Nelson. (John Knox, 93 pp., paper, \$1.50)

Modern applications of the Ten Commandments for present day living. Fresh material for use in study of the commandments reveals love as the fulfillment of the law.

Pages

From The Past

By J. L. Boyd

60 Years Ago

The Clinton Baptist Church closed a great revival meeting in which Pastor P. L. Lipsey was assisted by W. A. McComb of Gloster which resulted in 125 additions to the membership, "about 50 of them" being baptized.

Pastor J. T. Dale tells of a glorious meeting of days which resulted in 38 additions in his church at Poplarville, 28 of them for baptism. He was assisted by W. E. Ellis of Crystal Springs as visiting preacher.

50 Years Ago

The Church at Cleveland experienced a mighty uplift during a meeting of days in which Pastor B. L. Mitchell was assisted by W. A. McComb of Gloster as visiting minister and R. L. Cooper of Aberdeen as song leader. There were fifteen additions, eight of them by baptism.

40 Years Ago

Pastor G. O. Parker reports that Harpersville Church, Scott County, had nine additions to the church by baptism and ten older members agreed to tithe as the result of a meeting of days. They had R. B. Gunter as their visiting preacher.

Pastor E. H. Garrot of the church at Clara, Wayne County, gives a vivid account of their protracted meeting in which Bryan Simmons did the preaching and W. W. Grafton of Clarke Memorial College was the song leader. There were a number of professions of faith, two of which joined the church by baptism, one a student of the Agricultural High School.

25 Years Ago

Maxie C. Nelson was assisted in the New Hope Church revival meeting, Lawrence County, by R. L. Carlisle. It resulted in 48 additions, 37 of them for baptism.

C. O. Estes reports of a protracted meeting in which he assisted Pastor Clarence Palmer with the Burnsville Church, Tishomingo County, which resulted in the baptizing of ten people upon professions of faith.

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

December 16 — Therman Bryant, faculty, Clarke College; J. L. Boyd, Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission.

December 17 — Robert B. Ireland, physician, Mississippi College; Mrs. Jennie Lou Breland, faculty, Carey College.

December 18 — R. B. Patterson, Grenada - Yalobusha superintendent of missions; Ode Hadaway, Monroe association-al Brotherhood president.

December 19 — Mrs. S. M. Thomas, vice-president, WMU, District II; William D. Harbour, Baptist Student Director, Northwest Miss. Junior College.

December 20 — Mrs. Doss Smith, Baptist Building; Harry Lee Spencer, Baptist Foundation.

December 21 — Gordon Shamburger, assistant chaplain, Baptist Hospital; T. D. Rodgers, staff, Baptist Children's Village.

December 22 — Houston Allen, New Choctaw associational Training Union director; David R. Dean, faculty, Blue Mountain College.

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Rev. Gene Foshee

Ordained At Raymond Road

Rev. Charles Gene Foshee was ordained to the gospel ministry October 27, by the Raymond Road Church, Jackson.

The Duncan Hill Church, Derma, where he is to serve as pastor, requested his ordination.

Foshee, a native of Calhoun County (Vardaman), is married to the former Marion Hope Goffe of Pawtucket, R. I.

He is a student at Mississippi College.

Rev. James Buie gave the charge to Foshee, and Rev. John Hilbun to the church.

Members of Raymond Road presented Foshee with a Church Manual and a Bible. Rev. R. R. Newman is pastor at Raymond Road.

A Univac 1107 thin-film memory computer made by Sperry Rand Corporation expedites the flow of Toronto's auto traffic.

Churches In The News

Emmanuel Church, Greenville, on November 24 set a new Training Union record, with 139. The old record was 127. John Smith is Training Union director; Rev. Robert Perry is pastor.

Pastor Accepts Pittsburgh Post

PITTSBURGH (P)—Joseph M. Walt, pastor of Pittsburgh Baptist Church, and Director of Southern Baptist Convention church extension for this Pennsylvania metropolitan area, will sever his church connection Dec. 31.

He will start 1964 as the missions superintendent for the Greater Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania area. His election is subject to confirmation by the SBC Home Mission Board, whose meeting in December is expected to act on the matter.

Work in Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania falls within the territory of the state convention of Baptists in Ohio, as far as state convention ties are concerned.

The Home Mission Board has invested funds in salary supplements for pastors, including Walt, and in purchase of sites for churches.

Walt came to Pittsburgh in 1959 from pastorate of a church in Fairborn, Ohio. The Pittsburgh church grew from a chapel organized in 1958.

The only other pastor-director in Southern Baptist work, Paul S. James who served Manhattan Baptist Church and the New York City Metropolitan Area, takes a similar step Dec. 15. He has resigned his pastorate to devote full-time to church development in the New York City region.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON— Entrusted With The Gospel

By Clifton J. Allen
Galatians 1:2

Galatians was certainly one of Paul's early letters. It seems to have been written to the churches established by Paul on his first missionary tour—in Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe. News reached Paul not long after his ministry in Galatia—perhaps in Corinth on his second missionary tour and about A.D. 51—that a serious situation had developed in the Galatian churches. Certain persons were insisting that Gentile believers must observe the requirements of the Mosaic law, specifically, that they must observe the rite of circumcision in order to be Christians. These Judaizers attacked Paul's authority as an apostle and charged that his preaching encouraged moral laxity and unrighteous living. The gravest sort of crisis had resulted. Paul wrote his letter to deal with the situation. This letter remains a flaming defense of the true gospel.

What is the gospel? What is the way of salvation? Is it by keeping laws, observing rituals, doing good works, exercising faith, or experiencing redemption through divine grace? These issues are as real today as in the time of the apostle Paul.

The Lesson Explained
JUST ONE GOSPEL (vv. 6-10)

Paul, following a brief salutation, came immediately to grips with the issue. He was astonished that the believers in Galatia, so quickly after their conversion, were beginning to turn away to a false gospel. They were turning from the grace of Christ and pinning their hopes to something other than Christ. But Paul quickly said that it was not another gospel, for there was only one real gospel. The apostle used the strongest possible language to rebuke the ones teaching a false gospel. Whoever preached any gospel other than the true gospel of Christ should be accursed. There was no possible reconciliation between law and grace. Paul knew that he was standing on solid ground in declaring the sole adequacy of the grace of Christ for salvation. His opponents in Galatia had accused him with compromising the message from God in order to be popular with men. He renounced their charge. He would yield nothing in defending the one true gospel.

THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

(vv. 11-12)

Paul went on to declare the basis of his authority with respect to the gospel. The gospel did not come to him second hand; it came direct, by divine revelation. Paul was of course referring to the Damascus Road experience. There he

met Jesus, face to face. There he knew Jesus to be the Son of God, the Redeemer promised to Israel, the one who had been crucified but who was now alive, the one and only Saviour. The revelation on the Damascus Road became fuller and clearer through the years as the Spirit of God made real the truth of Christ. The message Paul preached was essentially Christ, who died for our sins and was raised for our justification.

THE GOSPEL OF PERSONAL EXPERIENCE (vv. 13-17)

These verses are a chapter from Paul's personal experience. He went back to his conversion experience and to the call of God in defense of his apostleship. His manner of life, prior to his conversion, was everywhere known among the Jews. He was known as one who had literally made havoc of the church. His furious zeal for the Jewish religion had given him a distinction above any other persons of his own age. Therefore, his former fidelity to Judaism could not be questioned. But something happened on the Damascus Road. He bowed his will to Jesus; he experienced salvation by grace. God called Paul—a purpose of God from Paul's birth—to be the means of revealing Christ and preaching him among the Gentiles.

Paul's conversion was complete on the Damascus Road. But he needed to learn much more about God's purpose in his life. He went away immediately into Arabia for three years. In the school of prayer and meditation, in searching self-examination, in thinking through the truth of the Old Testament Scriptures, and in fellowship with Christ, Paul learned the full meaning of the gospel. The credentials of his apostleship did not rest on the approval of men but on the authority and commission of the risen Lord.

Truths to Live By

The truth of the gospel is under constant attack. There are persons committed to Satan who hate righteousness, who stop short at no schemes or means to hinder the purpose of God in Christ. There are many other persons who hinder the gospel because of their ignorance or misunderstanding or jealous spirit or false teaching. Many such persons appear in the role of friends in the gospel. They may have zeal, but they lack true understanding. Voices are to be heard on every side, by radio and paper and pulpit and visitor and propaganda, declaring things about the gospel which make it nothing more than a creed or ritual or ethical pattern or human scheme. It is this babble of voices which has left uncounted millions of persons in confusion and distrust and still in the bondage of sins.

Christians should be grounded in the message and meaning of the gospel.—Every Christian is meant to be a witness.

Sunday Reports

Sunday School Attendance Training Union Attendance Additions To The Church

DECEMBER 8, 1963		
Baldwin, First	307	88
Biloxi, Emmanuel	292	119
Booneville, 1st	382	181
Main	317	142
Mission	65	39
Brandon, 1st	438	184
Brookhaven, 1st	117	57
Bruce, 1st	270	417
Carthage, 1st	230	86
Calhoun, City, 1st	317	138
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	625	245
Cleveland, Immanuel	262	104
Columbia, 1st	865	231
Columbus, 1st	830	212
Collins	236	161
Crystal Springs, 1st	620	223
Florence, 1st	323	126
Flowood	145	50
Glade (Jones)	217	106
Greenville:		
First	1052	347
Main	917	293
Greenfield	107	54
Chinese	68	
Southside	124	57
Second	232	89
Parkway	347	122
Grenada, Emmanuel	368	144
Main	303	100
Airport Mission	65	44
Gulfport, Grace Mem.	225	49
Northward Chapel	38	
Handsborg	443	160
Hattiesburg:		
Main Street	991	424
Main	900	363
North Main	11	10
Walden	26	
Canal Zone	42	25
Central	363	220
First	687	219
38th Avenue	282	147
Glendale	185	91
Hillsboro	103	79
Houston, 1st	410	206
Main	360	149
Parkway Chapel	50	57
Indianola, Second	246	135
Ita Bena, 1st	257	91
Jackson:		
Ridgecrest	897	348
Daniel Mem.	847	303
Briarwood	248	111
West Jackson	512	234
Calvary	1550	620
Main	1550	556
Mission	86	64
Parkway	1049	387
Raymond, 1st	123	113
Alta Woods	1104	463
Highland	402	186
Woodville Heights	210	97
Oak Forest	462	174
First	1537	317
Robinson St.	339	139
McLaurin Hgts.	302	192
Lakeview Mission	12	
Broadmoor	1408	545
Midway	557	243
Magnolia Park	120	59
Southside	382	182
Hillcrest	636	243
Forest Hill	202	86
Woodland Hills	780	247
Kosciusko, Parkway	209	95
Kosciusko, 1st	336	180
Main	51	168
Maple Chapel	24	12
Laurel:		
Magnolia St.	438	173
Second Ave.	432	138
First	584	210
Highland	448	164
Wildwood	360	126
West Laurel	394	125
Lexington, 1st	213	97
Long Beach, 1st	554	112
Main	527	93
Mission	27	19
Lyons	203	72
Roundaway Mission	51	47
McComb:		
Locust St.	190	114
South	248	79
East	399	150
Navilla	216	135
Mountain Creek	84	39
(Raklin)		
Morgantown	320	125
First	162	82
Parkway	346	143
New Albany, First	688	205
Pearl	404	153
Peterson	156	63
Petal, Crestview	181	119
Petal, Temple	162	74
Petal-Harvey	150	62
Main	356	116
Harvey Mission	36	34
Picayune, 1st	608	257
Pleasant Home (Jones)	60	41
Pocahontas	60	41
Pontotoc, 1st	459	225
Poplar Springs (Newton)	402	104
Quitman, 1st	402	104
Ruth	67	42
Rosedale, 1st	144	81
Sardis (Copiah)	60	32
Springfield (Scott)	136	69
Starkville, 1st	885	376
Sunshine (Rankin)	127	58
Terry	250	117
Tupelo:		
West Jackson St.	201	104
East Heights	388	144
West End (Winston)	53	33
West Point, 1st	585	203
DECEMBER 1, 1963		
Corinth, First	409	176
Forest	388	119
Greenwood, Calvary	483	188
Hattiesburg, Temple	484	224
Iuka, First	256	130
Liberty	267	96
Mount Vernon (Holmes)	209	61
Olive Branch	486	157
Tupelo, 1st	533	210
West Point, 1st		



AT SKENE—L. to R.: Rev. W. A. Sullivan, pastor; Houston Griffith, president of the church trustees; Mrs. John Wood, first member baptized at Skene; and J. D. Wafford, chairman of deacons.

Skene Breaks Ground

Skene Church held a ground-breaking ceremony Sunday, November 17, for the erection of a new church auditorium. The new unit will be of brick construction and will have 4,080 square feet of floor space. The sanctuary is to be of Southern Colonial style, fully airconditioned and centrally heated. The seating capacity will be 367.

The present auditorium will be converted into educational space, doubling the present facilities. The building will be remodeled to match the exterior of the new auditorium.

The first spade of dirt was turned by Mrs. John Wood, who was the first member baptized by Skene Church.

The plans for the building were furnished by the Church Architecture Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Bibletown Concerts At World's Fair

Officials of the New York World's Fair recently expressed a desire to have Bibletown, located at Boca Raton, Florida, produce weekly concerts and musical vespers services throughout the 1964 and 1965 seasons.

For the past ten years, the famed Bibletown concerts have brought thousands to the Bible conference grounds each season. The Saturday night sacred months usually fill the 2500 seat Bibletown Auditorium. Executives of the World's Fair believe that similar concerts produced by Bibletown at the New York fairgrounds will provide an additional attraction to the 80 million visitors from all parts of the world who are expected during the two year run.

Earlier this month the State of Florida also encouraged Bibletown leaders to program a regular Sunday evening sacred concert from the Florida Building at the New York World's Fair. RAC has offered to televise these musicals each week over the 300 color TV sets which will be strategically placed throughout the New York fairgrounds.

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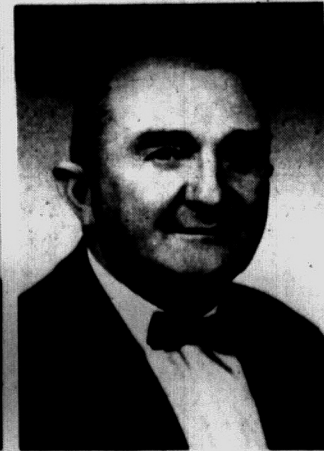
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Mississippi Honor Church Program 1962-1963

The Mississippi Baptist Training Union Department announces with pleasure the recognition of Mt. Creek Baptist Church of Rankin Association and Salem Baptist Church of Kemper Association as HONOR CHURCHES in the MISSISSIPPI HONOR CHURCH PROGRAM. Mr. E. G. Palmer of Preston, Mississippi is Training Union Director of Salem Baptist Church. According to office records Salem Church was without a pastor at the time the church qualified as an honor church. Mrs. S. H. McMahan of Florence, Mississippi, is Training Union Director of Mt. Creek Baptist Church, and Rev. Lewis Mosely of Clinton, Mississippi, is pastor.



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GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH REPORTS
Rev. Hardy R. Denham, Jr., pastor of Galilee Baptist Church of Mississippi Association writes about the results of an emphasis on Training Union enlistment and enlargement. Using a Fall Round-Up Program the Training Union increased in enrolment from 66 to 100. Last year's average attendance was 50; however, with the new emphasis an all-time high of 90 was reached in November. Galilee Church is emphasizing the enrolment of adults and 13 of the 34 new members are adults.

A Trust

This is a planet that God has given us in trust. Man has "dominion" over it. But this is a delegated dominion, not outright ownership. This dominion carries special responsibilities. The good master is not the ruthless exploiter, but the man who knows the nature of what he holds in trust: he loves it, respects it.

The get-rich-quick lumberman who denudes a whole mountainside and leaves it to erosion is the threefold enemy of God, nature and his fellow men. The legislator who listens to the billboard lobby and refuses to ban enormous signs along the most beautiful highways is laughing in Christ's face.

The man who needlessly pollutes rivers or plants crops where only grass should grow is a callous steward of the trust he has received from God.

This planet is a you-do-it kit straight from the hands of God.

Chad Walsh in HE SPEAKS FROM THE CROSS (Fleming H. Revell Company)

Not until some concrete action is undertaken by the church—such as participation in a liquor referendum, an effort to combat gambling, a protest against policies of segregation, a campaign against pornographic literature, or opposition to state-supported teaching of sectarian religion—does the "world" realize its basic enmity with the kingdom of God as represented by the church.—Dr. William C. Smith, Jr., secretary of the department of student work, North Carolina Baptist Convention, Raleigh. "The Christian Life in Baptist Tradition" in December BAPTIST STUDENT.

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Self-Preservation Can Be Too Costly

Matthew 27:42

By Rev. Lewis A. Curtis
Pastor, First, Calhoun City

For most people, self-preservation or, at best, preservation of those closest to them is the highest aim in life. This is why the majority only do a minimum amount of the good their lives are capable of doing. Putting the welfare of my family and myself above all other considerations seems like a high enough purpose until I study the life of Jesus more carefully.

He teaches us, by example, that to spare one's self from all the hurt, hardships, and opposition which are encountered in doing what is right will greatly limit usefulness. It will even consign the person to moral failure. Jesus teaches us this not by sparing himself but by refusing to spare himself.

Even after Jesus had been nailed to the cross his enemies did not leave him alone. One of the taunts hurled at him was, "He saved others; himself he can not save." Although these words were intended as mockery, they contained more truth than the scoffers realized. It was true that Jesus could not save others and also save himself from death. He felt that self-preservation would have been too costly to his mission.

There are people who are always saving themselves, but for what? There are legitimate reasons for being careful. The protective instinct is natural. The Christian, however, is not being very loyal to God when his only excuse is, "I must take care of myself." Self-preservation is too costly when it rules out usefulness.

Self-preservation for Jesus would have been too costly. It would have spoiled the humiliation he suffered in becoming man. It would have changed all his great teachings into the babblings of one who could not prove their truthfulness. It would have defeated the one plan God had for reclaiming sinful man. Jesus chose to die rather than preserve himself at such cost.

A timely consideration for us is the cost to others because we are so concerned about self-preservation. Does someone go without the knowledge of his need of Christ because you want to preserve yourself from personal insult? Think for a moment about how little you have risked for Christ. It is probably so little that you should ask God to forgive your faithlessness.

Revival Results

Juniper Grove (Pearl River): Nov. 24-30; Rev. Bob Harrington, full-time evangelist, from New Orleans, Louisiana; 85 decisions; 28 professions of faith; one foreign mission volunteer; one commitment to full-time Christian service; one addition by letter; 54 rededications. Rev. Edward Jenkins, pastor, states, "We of the Juniper Grove Church want to express our appreciation to Brother Bob Harrington, evangelist of New Orleans, La., for the trouble that he brought to

the Devil's Crowd during our revival effort of November 24-30. We feel this is one of the greatest revivals in the history of our church."

Midway, Jackson: Rev. Benton Preston, pastor; Dr. Gray Allison, evangelist, of Ruston, La.; Jack Kearns, Alta Woods Church, Jackson, song leader; 38 total additions; 27 for baptism; 11 by letter, one on statement; four life commitments for full-time service; new record set, 557 SS, 243 T.U.



SUNDAY EVENING, December 15, at 7:30, in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium, the Blue Mountain College Chorus, Dr. Brooks Hayne, director, will present their Christmas music program, this is also the evening worship service of Lowrey Memorial Church. Rev. Norman S. Deaton, pastor of the Church, will preside over the opening part of the service. Included in the Christmas program will be two major cantatas, "For Unto Us A Child Is Born," by Bach, and a full "Ceremony of Carols," by Benjamin Britten, in cantata form.



Rev. Bob Leavell

First, Grenada Calls Pastor

First Church, Grenada, has called a new pastor, Rev. Bob Leavell.

Rev. Leavell was born in Oxford, Mississippi in the former First Baptist parsonage. His father, Dr. James B. Leavell, Sr. was one of the nine Leavell boys of Oxford, eight of whom were in places of leadership at one time or another in the Southern Baptist Convention. His maternal grandfather was a missionary for sixty-five years in China.

His educational qualifications include a Bachelor of Arts degree from Baylor University, Waco, Texas; a Master of Theology from Southern

BRUCE MISSION BECOMES WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

On Sunday afternoon, November 24, the mission of First Church, Bruce was organized into the Westside Baptist Church.

An organizational council was composed of pastors and deacons from several churches in the association. Rev. Samuel M. Brown, pastor of the mother church, was elected moderator and Ruel Spratlin clerk of the council.

Rev. L. F. Haire, association superintendent of missions brought a devotional and Rev.

Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky and work toward a Doctor's Degree from Central Seminary in Kansas City, Kansas.

He will move to Grenada from Calvary Church, Tyler, Texas, having held pastorates in Missouri, as well as Newton, Mississippi.

Mrs. Leavell is the daughter of the late Mr. J. A. Collier, Sr. of Leland. She is a graduate of Blue Mountain College. Her grandfather was also a missionary, who spent sixty years in Mexico.

They have three children: Ava, a sophomore at Baylor; Carroll, a senior in high school; and Becky, who is in the sixth grade.

G. L. Gullick, who has served as pastor of the mission since its beginning, gave reasons for the organization.

The membership of the proposed new church was then recognized — numbering 61. Rev. A. H. Childress read the Church Covenant. Rev. Jessie Dorrah read the Articles of Faith. Collins Edwards read the By-laws. These were adopted.

The organizational council voted to recognize the body as the Westside Baptist Church. Rev. Samuel M. Brown brought the charge to the new church.

The new church elected officially Rev. G. L. Gullick as pastor, Mrs. Byron Shoemaker church clerk and Tom Hardin treasurer.

The Mission was started by First Church on October 1, 1961 on a full time basis with 7 members, meeting in the Masonic Hall. Sunday School, Training Union and a Woman's Missionary Union were organized that first week. Their first budget called for 10 per cent of all none designated gifts to go through the Cooperative Program. Following the suggested plan of 2 per cent increase in mission giving each year, their present budget calls

Gloster Church In Improvement Program

The Galilee Baptist Church of Gloster will soon be concluding a three-phase program of capital improvement.

The first phase of this program was centrally heating and air-conditioning the church sanctuary and educational facilities. This project, costing \$9,000.00, was completed last August.

The second and third phases of the program are being done simultaneously. These are the complete remodeling of the interior of the church auditorium and the construction of a 2,200 square foot pastor's home.

The sanctuary remodeling is being done under the direction of Ragland Watkins, McComb Architect. D. J. Griffin of Gloster is the contractor. This project, which will cost an estimated \$6,000.00, is scheduled for completion January 15. L. Sams and Son of Waco, Texas, was given the contract on the new pulpit furnishings and J. W. Alford of McComb was given the contract for carpeting the sanctuary, which seats 400.

The new pastor's home, which will be located on the site of the old parsonage, will have four bedrooms and a two-car carport. The brick home will have central heating and air-conditioning. Construction is expected to be concluded shortly after the first of the year.

The Building Committee of the church has had responsibility over these three projects. L. L. Stokes is Chairman of this Committee and serving with him are E. E. Umberger, Earl Hinton, Johnny Hartfield, and A. C. Bilbo. Mrs. Bill Adams and Mrs. W. R. Conerly, Jr., along with Mr. Bilbo and Mr. Stokes, have served as the sub-committee to select colors.

Rev. Hardy R. Denham, Jr., pastor of the Gloster Church came from Picayune, September 1.

for 14 per cent for world missions. In the early spring of this year the mission launched a building program. A two-story educational unit has been completed to the point that it can be used.



Carl Olney

Joins Staff At First, Pontotoc

Carl Olney has accepted the position of Minister of Education and Youth at First Church, Pontotoc, and has already begun his work. The church officially welcomed Mr. Olney and his family with a church-wide reception on Sunday, December 1, immediately following the evening worship service.

A native of Rock Hill, South Carolina, the new Minister of Education is a graduate of Mars Hill College, Furman University, and the Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He served with the Park Place Church, Norfolk, Virginia for over a year before going to Pontotoc.

Mrs. Olney is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Allen Graves of Louisville, Kentucky, where Dr. Graves serves as Dean of the School of Religious Education at Southern Seminary.

The Olneys have three sons, Billy, four; Eddie, two and one-half; and Mark, nine months.

The pastor is Dr. W. Levon Moore.

Smith To Preach

Rev. Jerry Smith, missionary to Brazil, will be the speaker for services Saturday night, Dec. 14 and Sunday, the 15th, at Lexie Church. Rev. James Nations, pastor, said the public is invited.

By-Product of G. A. Convention— VAN WINKLE GIRLS WITNESS TO NONAGENARIAN



LEFT TO RIGHT: Front row: Betty Sue Jacobsen, Peggy Rainey, Pam Joyner, Sandusky Williams, Dianne Coleman. Back row: Brummett, Dianne Martin, Mrs. Martha Lutrick, Mrs. J. E. Joyner, Ina Lou Dixon, and Mrs. Ray Martin. Not present when picture was made: Delores Williamson, Mrs. Sam Stockman, Lynn Jones, Lillian Watkins, Dianne Bensonette, Viola Hargon, and Jan Hargon.



VAN WINKLE GIRLS board a Mississippi River excursion boat at Memphis, while at G. A. Convention.



REV. HERMAN MILNER, pastor, Van Winkle Church, Jackson, baptizes Sandusky Williams.

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Because a group of girls cared about a man's soul, that man at 92 has professed faith in Christ.

Last June, some G.A.'s from Van Winkle Church, Jackson, took leading roles in what was to become a real life drama. These girls and their counselors were attending the Fifth Anniversary G.A. Convention in Memphis, Tennessee.

On June 25, the girls had missed a much-anticipated boat ride on the Mississippi River. They had prayed that

night that God would lead them to some great experience the next day on the boat.

Then, the afternoon of the 26th, the last day of the convention, when they got to the excursion boat, the girls found they needed one more person to get the cheaper rates offered those attending the convention. They were undecided what to do, when they saw an old man coming toward the boat.

"Hey, Pop, you going to ride on this boat?" someone called out.

"I'm planning on it," he answered. And he proceeded to make arrangements with the boat's captain for the ride.

Ten G.A.'s, ages 9-12, three counselors (Mrs. J. E. Joyner, G.A. director, Mrs. James Ray Martin, and Mrs. Martha Lutrick), and the old man spent two hours together, getting acquainted with each other and with Old Man River.

"What's your name, Pop?" "Sandusky Williams."

"Where are you from?" "Springfield, Missouri. I own a machine shop there, but I have been travelling a lot the last year or so. You see, I invented a double sickle cutting assembly, to be used on farm machinery — got my patent August 1, 1961 — and I've been trying to find a market for it — That's what I'm doing in Memphis."

The girls soon learned that Sandusky was 92 years old. When he said he didn't believe in God, this touched their hearts and some talked to him about Christ, while others were praying.

Sandusky walked to the Clairmont Hotel with his new friends, and told them goodbye.

Later, after the girls had packed, the Junior G.A.'s, along with several intermediates who had not been on the boating trip, found Mr. Williams in the hotel lobby bearing picture postcards as a farewell gift. Frank Lawton, Van Winkle's music and educational director, joined the G.A.'s in witnessing to Mr. Williams in a hotel room.

But Sandusky seemed to remain untouched. He did promise to read a New Testament the group gave him, and promised some day to visit them in Jackson.

Mrs. Martin reported, "He went his way; we went ours. We didn't give up. Somehow we felt God would perform a miracle and save Sandusky."

Since last June we have prayed daily for him. We sent him a nice Bible and some tracts on salvation.

"On Saturday morning, October 12, some of our G.A. girls knelt in the prayer room and prayed if God ever saw fit to send Sandusky to visit Van Winkle Church it would be during our revival, which would be October 13-20. On Monday morning, October 14, Sandusky arrived in Jackson. He came to the revival every night.

"Our pastor, Rev. H. A. Milner, and our evangelist, Rev. R. S. Crawford, witnessed to him, but he would not believe.

"On Wednesday evening following the revival Sandusky called one of our counselors and said the Holy Spirit had been talking to him and he was ready to give his heart to Jesus. He accepted Christ that night, joined the church and was baptized the next Sunday. This miracle of God our church will never forget."

Sandusky Williams, who lives now in an apartment at 402 1/2 Frederica Avenue, Jackson, was born in 1871, on a farm near Huntingburg, Indiana. Two years later, his father died; but Sandy remembers that when he was small his mother read to him from the Bible and talked to him about God.

At practically every curve in Sandusky's life stream, boats have made an appearance. His father had owned a flour mill at Rockport on the Ohio River. Young Sandy watched oxen pull wagonloads of wheat to this same mill on the river, and saw boats loaded with flour stream north to Minneapolis or south toward Mississippi.

On his daily walks to school (he started at age five), Sandy observed the construction of the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad, and stared at the trains passing by at ten miles an hour. For a little while when he was sixteen he worked on this railroad himself. Then, in 1887, he moved to Cincinnati.

There, again he watched the boats. Building steam engines, he labored for five cents an hour, sixty hours a week. And he worked on River Street, where he could see the steamboats go by, some equipped with engines he had helped to build.

Sandusky fell in love with a lovely girl in Cincinnati, and became engaged to be married.



EMANUEL CHURCH CHOIR of Jackson will present a special Christmas program Sunday night, December 15, at 7 P.M. Under the direction of Gene Rester, Minister of Music, the choir will sing "Born a King." The public is invited. Rev. W. R. Storie is pastor.

Names In The News

Rev. and Mrs. Francis Vriesen announce the birth of a son, Kevin John, born December 4. Rev. Vriesen, a student at Mississippi College, is pastor of the Good Hope Church at Pickens in Madison County. The couple live in Clinton.

Wilbur Smith was ordained as a deacon by the Pelahatchie Church on Sunday night, December 8. He, with Leon Davis and Bill Robbins, were the three elected by the church to serve for the next three years. Fred Davis was elected chairman of deacons.

Vena Aguilard, missionary for the Home Mission Board, now retired, is living at 7300 Clarewood Drive, Apt. 70, Houston, Texas, 77036.

Rev. Ralph Harrelson has accepted the call of Arrowwood Church, Meridian, as pastor. He began his new work on December 1.

Rev. R. E. Phillips is the new pastor of the Russell Church, Lauderdale County.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Mark Moore, Minister of Education at Harrisburg Church, Tupelo,

all those faces later. I promised on the boat ride to some day come to see these girls. God led me this way and I found Jesus as my Saviour."

Rev. Walter H. St. Clair has resigned the pastorate of the Grace Church in Elizabethton, Tennessee, to enter the field of full-time evangelism. Rev. St. Clair has conducted revival meetings in various parts of the nation for the past nineteen years. He is a native Virginian, a Navy veteran of World War II and a survivor of an aircraft carrier that was sunk in the Atlantic. St. Clair received his education for the ministry at Carson Newman College and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He has had many years experience as a pastor. St. Clair's address is Box 1097, Johnson City, Tennessee, and his phone is 928-9912; area code 615.

Rev. James Young recently became pastor of the Bowling Green Church in Holmes County. The church is his first pastorate. Rev. Young lives on Rt. 3, Kosciusko.

Rev. Joe Mefford and family were in charge of the evening service December 1 at Central Church, Yacoo County, Rev. Glen Schilling, pastor. Other churches attending the service were Melrose and Anding.